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The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

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Menorah Lighting Scheduled for December 22nd.

One of the newest traditions that the Third Taxing District sponsors for the public. This is the fourth year we have been pleased to help commemorate the lighting of the Menorah candles. Come join your friends and neighbors to welcome in the Hanukkah Season.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 15th TTD Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm at Van Zilen Hall 51 Van Zant Street
- Dec. 20th Marvelous Martins E. Norwalk Library 51 Van Zant Street 10:00 am
- Dec. 22nd Menorah Lighting Constitution Park 6:00 pm

On December 22nd at 6:00 p.m., the East Norwalk Inter-Faith Committee in conjunction with the Third Taxing District will sponsor a Menorah Lighting. The event commemorates the first night of Hanukkah.

The lighting will take place at Constitution Park which is adjacent to the Stroffolino drawbridge at Liberty Square.

Rabbi Ronald Fish of Temple Beth El will officiate the lighting and act as master of ceremonies.

There will be hot chocolate, hot coffee, and refreshments for everyone.

All of East Norwalk is invited to come and is encouraged to attend and show support for the community.

New Emergency Preparedness Plan

The TTD Electric Department has instituted an emergency plan to prepare for and respond to emergency conditions. The blackout of August 14th highlighted the need for enhanced emergency preparedness. This event revealed some good and not so good points in our planning.

On the good side the emergency generator installed at our office last spring proved its value. We were able to operate with power to critical parts of our operation such as phones, lights and computers. We were also prepared to take portable emergency generators to customers who had critical health care needs.

An important lesson relearned is that cell phones and pagers cannot be depended on in a widespread blackout. Our two-way radio system was key to communicating with our line crews and substation personnel. We will maintain this system for such emergencies even though it is not used in normal operations.

Calling on past experience and in consultation with our operating personnel we now have a plan in place to respond to most emergency conditions. Likely events include ice storms, hurricanes and floods. Emergency supplies are maintained in inventory and contractors and other resources are in place to assist as needed. The Electric Department also participates in "Mutual Aid" agreements whereby outside line crews can be called for assistance if needed.

We cannot prevent natural disasters but we are prepared to respond as needed with highly skilled personnel, up to date equipment and external resources as needed.

District Sets 2004 Regular Meeting Schedule

At the November 17th regular meeting of the TTD Commission, the following dates were approved for regular meetings in 2004.

Please try to attend as many of these meetings as you can. You are the people who elected us and we invite your input and direction at each meeting.

January 26, 2004	May 24, 2004
February 9, 2004	June 14, 2004
February 23, 2004	July 9, 2004
March 3, 2004	August 16, 2004
Elector's Meeting	September 20, 2004
March 15, 2004	October 4, 2004
March 29, 2004	October 18, 2004
April 26, 2004	November 15, 2004
May 10, 2004	December 20, 2004

The East Norwalk Library

invites you to a Unique Musical Program

featuring

The Marvelous Musical Martins

—●—
A musical program for all ages

Come and enjoy Doug and Martha Martin
as they entertain you with
Piano, Violin, Bells, and Concertina

Their captivating stories, humorous quips
and audience participation
will keep you entertained for hours.

**Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m.
December 20, 2003**

Call 838-0408 to Register
